

## WSDOT Construction Update for Snohomish County Highways

---

*Edition 20, April 20, 2006*

- Crews chip away at the 41<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge over I-5 in Everett
- SR 530 slide slowing down; crews make progress on rock wall
- Snohomish County construction news merged into one update
- Crews continue to push forward on SR 522 Fales/Echo Lake Road Project despite unavoidable delays caused by weather, environment
- About this e-mail

### Crews chip away at the 41st Street Bridge over I-5 in Everett

Tonight and tomorrow night crews will close portions of southbound I-5 and all lanes of northbound I-5 in Everett for demolition of the 41<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge over I-5.

Teams are working safely and quickly late at night and early in the morning to break the bridge into manageable chunks and haul the tons of debris off the roadway before the morning rush hour. So far crews have been ahead of schedule. They have been able to tear down large bridge portions, clear the lanes and open up them up for drivers earlier than expected.

Crews are demolishing the bridge to make room for a wider bridge that will accommodate future city street improvements, [new freeway lanes and a new interchange](#). Workers closed the bridge and began detouring drivers on Saturday, April 15.

### SR 530 slide slowing down; crews make progress on rock wall

The [Skaglund Hill slide](#) that threatens SR 530 near the town of Oso in Snohomish County seems to have slowed. Geotechnical crews recorded only a few inches of movement this month.

Next Wednesday, April 26, our contractor, Pacific Road and Bridge, starts construction on the first of two rock and gravel walls needed to help stabilize the Skaglund Hill slide. The first wall will add more than 10,000 tons of weight (equivalent to the weight of 2,000 elephants) to the base of the hill to prevent further sliding.

You'll see an increased amount of truck traffic on the highway near the project site as crews haul in rock and gravel from Arlington, and from a new gravel pit three miles east of the slide, specifically created to expedite this project.

### Snohomish County construction news merged into one update

We've merged the SR 522 update list with the [Snohomish County highway construction update list](#). Members will now receive news about projects on SR 522 and other projects on Snohomish County highways through one list instead of two. If you signed up for the SR 522 list, we've made

sure you're on the Snohomish County list. If you wish to unsubscribe, please see the bottom of this message.

## **Crews continue to push forward on SR 522 Fales/Echo Lake Road project despite unavoidable delays caused by weather, environment**

The winter left an uncharacteristic stamp of flooded roadways across the state. The future roadway on [SR 522 Fales/Echo Lake Road](#) in Snohomish County was no exception. Continual downpours overwhelmed the temporary stormwater treatment system. To prevent untreated runoff from reaching and polluting the Snohomish River we designed an additional treatment system. This created delays in the construction of highway improvements at this site. Crews are now working hard to make up for lost time. Unless Mother Nature deals another blow, the new roadway should be open by July.

### **Paving heating up on new interchange:**

Earlier this month crews paved existing ramps and sections of the future interchange. Later this spring we'll return to pave more on SR 522. Work will be off-road but when paving resumes expect intermittent weekday lane [closures](#) on Fales Road between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to allow construction traffic to cross the road safely.

## **About this e-mail**

Please forward this e-mail to others who might be interested. If you received this e-mail from someone else, you can receive updates directly by simply [sending us an e-mail](#).

---

[Manage your WSDOT e-mail update subscriptions.](#)